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**HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring John and Jane
Barnes and Panther Racing.

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Whereas, Panther Racing, a championship-winning motorsports franchise in the Indy Racing League, was formed in late 1997;

Whereas, The team earned its first victory at Phoenix International Raceway in 1999 with driver Scott Goodyear and won back-to-back IndyCar Series Championships with Sam Hornish, Jr. in 2001 and 2002;

Whereas, Panther Racing began participating in Indy Lights in 2003 and won its first championship with Mark Taylor that same year;

Whereas, Panther Racing has collected a total of 28 racing victories and three championships during its 11 seasons of competition;

Whereas, Panther Racing was founded by John Barnes and Mike Griffin and is headquartered in Indianapolis, just miles from the boyhood home of John Barnes;

Whereas, John Barnes was bitten by the racing bug when the best man in his father's wedding, a National Guard soldier, brought him along as he visited nearby racing tracks;

Whereas, John's first job was as a gofer for Vatis Racing;



Whereas, Over the last 40 years, John has held almost every position in racing — mechanic, engineer, car builder, team manager, CEO, and owner;

Whereas, An outstanding athlete in high school, John turned down several college football scholarships in order to pursue his dream of winning the Indianapolis 500;

Whereas, In fulfillment of his dream, John Barnes was awarded the the Indianapolis Motor Speedway's Louis Meyer Lifetime Achievement Award, the highest honor given during the Indianapolis 500 Hall of Fame banquet;

Whereas, As special project director, Jane Barnes is an integral part of Panther Racing;

Whereas, Jane has served in many capacities during her time in motorsports, including logistics and travel coordinator, manager of human relations, and, during the 2003 season, public relations manager for Panther's Firestone Indy Lights Championship team;

Whereas, When not involved in racing, Jane is very active in the world of education, serving as a board member of the Decatur Discovery Academy Charter School and a charter board member and advisory board member of Best Buddies Indiana;

Whereas, Before her involvement with racing, Jane was a registered nurse with professional certification in orthopedics and case management;

Whereas, John and Jane have two daughters, Samantha and Lizette, and one grandson, Alexander Jett Perry; and

Whereas, Panther Racing has made many economic contributions to the city of Indianapolis and our state, but its greatest accomplishment is the enjoyment it has brought to racing fans throughout the state and the nation: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*



1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes the
2 many contributions made by Panther Racing and John and Jane Barnes
3 to the city of Indianapolis and the entire state.

4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
5 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to John and Jane
6 Barnes and their family.

